

Chateau Deux Lacs

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 20

Overview

Close to the Forêt de Chabrières in the beautiful region of Limousin, an hour north of Limoges, Château Deux Lacs is a stunning early 18th-century home which has been lovingly restored with sensitivity and style, set in 55 hectares of glorious parkland featuring two lakes, rowing boats and an abundance of wildlife.

The welcoming owners first fell in love with the château when visiting family in France in 2018 – since then they have spent three years transforming it from its dilapidated state to the charming holiday home it is today. After so much hard work, they have successfully returned the château to its majestic past whilst adding personal touches and contemporary style. We especially love the spacious lounge with wonderful views across the grounds, the superbly equipped kitchen and the movie room with vintage cinema chairs from the 1920s with the most exquisite velvet peacock fabric.

Across the eight gorgeous en suite bedrooms, three of which are two-bedroom suites, admire the perfect blend of traditional, vintage and modern furnishings alongside colourful fabrics and striking *objets d'art* from across the globe. Sleeping up to 20 guests, there is ample room across its three floors, not to mention the many hectares of magnificent grounds.

Spend time in the courtyard with its romantic pavilion which can be transformed into an exceptional wedding reception space alongside the 17th century barn. Splash around in the heated swimming pool, play badminton, basketball or football, then dine al-fresco by the thousand-year old oak tree, beautifully lit up with fairy lights.

Depending on the season, help yourself to apples, pears, plums and other delights from the orchard and vegetable plot. Head out across the estate with its meadows, woodland and two lakes, either by foot or on mountain bike, always looking out for deer, foxes, kestrels, falcons, woodpeckers and the resident owl. Discover two rowing boats on the largest lake, also a picture-perfect spot for wild swimming.

Yet there is so much to visit close by as well. The local village's bar and grocery store is just 3km by car or drive to Guéret, ten minutes away, for its twice-weekly market, restaurants and other useful amenities. Just south of the town, Les Monts de Guéret is home to the picturesque Chabrières forest with



its mountain biking and hiking trails, giant maze and wolf park.

The Limousin region is also known for its amazing lakes and waters from nearby Étang de Courtille, a ten-minute drive, with its sandy beach and summer watersports to the spectacular Lac de Vassivière, one of France's largest man-made lakes around an hour away, offering all sorts of recreational activities and incredible scenery.

So, whether you're out and about exploring or staying within your historic home and parkland, Château Deux Lacs allows you to rest and spend quality time with loved ones, always surrounded by such outstanding natural beauty.

Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Instagrammable • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Bicycles Provided • Gym/Fitness Room • Games Room • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Table Football • Pool/Snooker • Home Cinema • DVD • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Sailing • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic • Paragliding

Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors

Ground Floor

- Living room with wood burner, piano and doors opening up to garden
- Dining room (for up to 21 guests)
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including range cooker, 2 x fridge-freezers, dishwasher, wine cooler, microwave, coffee maker, blender, food mixer, wood burner and island for up to 6 guests
- Cinema room with 75 inch TV, Blu-ray DVD player and DVDs and vintage cinema chairs (x14)
- Small gym (treadmill, cross trainer, exercise bike, weights and yoga mats)
- Laundry room
- WC

First Floor

- Bedroom with king-size double bed and bathroom with shower
- 2-bedroom suite: bedroom with double bed, bedroom with twin beds and bathroom with shower and bath
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and bathroom with shower and bath
- 2-bedroom suite: bedroom with king-size double bed, bedroom with bunk-beds and a cot and a bathroom with bath/overhead shower

Second Floor

- Bedroom with king-size double bed and bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom with twin beds and bathroom with shower
- 2-bedroom suite: bedroom with king-size double bed, bedroom with two cabin beds and bathroom with large shower
- Bedroom with double bed and bathroom with bath and shower

Outdoor Barn (also available as an events venue, on request subject to a fee)

- Table tennis
- Pool
- Air-hockey
- Table football

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (9.5mx4.8m, depth: 1.2m) with locked safety gate at entrance of pool area. Open approximately May to September
- Pergola for al-fresco dining for up to 21 guests



- Barbecue area
- Courtyard
- Pavilion
- Large freshwater lake with two rowing boats
- Second freshwater lake
- Natural spring (weather permitting)
- Organic fruit and vegetable plot (with fruit/vegetables in season)
- Orchard with apples, pears and plums (in season)
- Vast fenced grounds (55 hectares of woodland, meadows, wildlife)
- Old Roman walkway
- Mini football area
- Basketball net
- Badminton

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Cinema room with TV
- DVD/Blu-ray player and DVD collection
- Piano
- Small gym (treadmill, cross trainer, exercise bike, weights and yoga mats)
- Board games
- Table tennis
- Table football
- Pool table
- Air-hockey
- Basketball net
- Mountain bikes (x5)
- Rowing boats (x2)
- Mini football area
- Badminton
- Hairdryers
- Ironing facilities
- Washing machine (x2) and dryer

Location & Local Information

Château Deux Lacs is located in the French region of Limousin, in the department of Creuse, around an hour north-east of the city of Limoges and its airport.

The château is set in 55 hectares of vast grounds with meadows, woodlands and two lakes, the largest with rowing boats and a picturesque spot for wild swimming. Use the château's bikes to explore the trails and French countryside beyond, looking out for the estate's family of deer, foxes and many squirrels or follow the old Roman road on foot and perhaps you will catch a glimpse of cuckoos, woodpeckers, kestrels or falcons as well as the resident owl.

Despite this rural idyll, a small village is only 3km away with a restaurant-bar, bakery, pharmacy, doctors and small grocery store. It's around a 5-minute drive or you could walk through the parkland, past the lake, and reach the village in around a 15-minute country walk.

There are larger supermarkets and a great range of restaurants in the town of Guéret, 8km by car. Visit the twice-weekly market on a Thursday and Saturday morning selling wonderful local produce from the Creuse region. Highlights of the town also include the fascinating Museum of Art and Archaeology whilst just outside Guéret is the Base de Loisirs de Courtille with supervised swimming as well as various watersports, all taking place from early July to the end of August. You will also find a useful train station in Guéret with departures to Limoges or Montluçon, both about an hour away.

Keen nature lovers will adore the château's close proximity to the Forêt de Chabrières in Les Monts de Guéret, around a 20-minute drive away, with its hiking and mountain biking trails, giant maze and the much-loved wolf park (Les Loups de Chabrières) where you can see grey wolves living in natural surroundings in huge enclosures, alongside other animals.

The town of La Souterraine (33km) is especially beautiful in the summer with its flower-filled main square and the 11th century Église Notre-Dame. Visit on a Thursday or Saturday morning for market day and soak up the ambience of this traditional French town. Perhaps also combine with a visit to Etang Du Cheix with its sandy beach and supervised swimming in the height of the summer.

Another fantastic place for water-based activities is Lac Vassivière, one of France's largest man-made lakes, around an hour south of the château. As well as canoeing, wind-surfing, stand-up paddle boarding, swimming and fishing, there are various beautiful beaches, horse-riding, cycling and some



incredible hiking opportunities. Boat taxis take you from one part of the lake to another and there is a 30km long trail that follows the shoreline of part of this vast lake.

Of course, the Creuse department also offers many picturesque villages and towns worth exploring such as historic Chénérailles (35km) near the impressive Château de Villemonteix, Boussac (45km) and its castle as well as Aubusson (55km), famous for its fine tapestries and rugs dating as far back as the 15th century.

Not to mention the lovely city of Limoges, around an hour away, with its grand cathedral and town hall, charming historic quarter, Musée des Beaux-Arts, atmospheric covered market and pretty shops selling locally-made porcelain.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Limoges (90km)
Nearest Airport 2	Clermont-Ferrand (154km)
Nearest Village	Small village (3km)
Nearest Shop	Grocery store and bakery in local village (3km)
Nearest Restaurant	Pizza restaurant/bar (3km)
Nearest Supermarket	Guéret (8km)
Nearest Town	Guéret (8km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Des Dryades (48km)
Nearest City	Limoges (80km)
Nearest Train Station	Guéret (8km)

What we love

- 55 hectares of idyllic grounds with century old trees, two lakes, rowing boats, meadows, woodland and so much wildlife - look out for deer, foxes and the resident owl
- Inside, the movie room is fantastic with its 1920s vintage cinema chairs
- Families will also love the many games, heated swimming pool and mountain bikes
- Such a wonderful venue for a stylish yet relaxed French country wedding with a barn and pavilion that can be beautifully transformed into event spaces
- The Chabrières forest is just a 10-minute drive away with its incredible scenery, hikes and mountain biking trails, wolf park and giant labyrinth
- Visit one of the many lakes and étangs across the Limousin region, with sandy beaches and summer watersports, including the magnificent Lac de Vassivière

What you should know...

- There are eight bedrooms but three of them are two-bedroom family suites so the château comfortably sleeps up to 20 guests.
- The vast grounds feature two lakes and a natural spring alongside 55 hectares of meadows and woodland - of course, children will need to be supervised.
- The estate manager and three lovely dogs live in a farmhouse set on the estate but with their own garden, far enough away not to intrude but close enough if you need any advice. You may also spot the owners' two horses in their paddock on the estate (their private stables are behind the château).

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €5000 (or GBP equivalent) paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately May to September. Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.
- Minimum stay: 2023: 7 nights approximately mid-June to mid-September. 4 nights during all other periods. 2024: 3 nights.
- Changeover day: 2023: Saturday approximately mid-June to mid-September. Flexible during all other periods. 2024: Flexible.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pets welcome?: Small dogs on request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties are not permitted.
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- Pool heating charge?: Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.